"It's Gonna Be Fun" - Virat Kohli Looks Forward To Facing Jasprit Bumrah In IPL 2025

Get ready for fireworks! Virat Kohli has ignited the anticipation for IPL 2025, declaring his excitement for the highly anticipated battles against Jasprit Bumrah. These two titans of Indian cricket, Kohli the batting maestro and Bumrah the bowling wizard, are set to collide, and Kohli promises it'll be nothing short of spectacular.

In the IPL's grand theater, Kohli, the heart and soul of Royal Challengers Bengaluru, will face off against Bumrah, the spearhead of the five-time champions, Mumbai Indians. This rivalry is more than just a match-up; it's a clash of cricketing titans.



Bumrah's recent form has been nothing short of phenomenal. After a stellar IPL 2024 performance (20 wickets, 6.48 economy), he dominated the 2024 T20 World Cup, earning Player of the Tournament with 15 wickets, a 4.17 economy, and an 8.26 average. He continued his dominance in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, despite Indias loss, taking 32 wickets and another POTT award, cementing his place as the world's premier bowler.

Kohli, meanwhile, needs no introduction. The IPL's all-time leading run-scorer (8004 runs, 38.66 average) and a legend in his own right, he's eager to test his skills against Bumrah's unparalleled talent.

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Their IPL encounters have always been captivating. In 95 balls, Kohli has scored 140 runs against Bumrah, showcasing his ability to take on the best. However, Bumrah has also dismissed him five times, proving he's a formidable opponent.

Speaking at the RCB Innovation Lab Indian Sports Summit powered by Leaders, Kohli expressed his anticipation: "No doubt about the fact that Jasprit is the best bowler in the world, in all the formats. He's gotten me out a few times in the IPL, and I've had success against him in the IPL. So whenever I say things like, 'Okay, it's going to be fun.'. Because we don't get to do that in the nets. Even in the nets, it's like playing a match. The intensity is like we play a match in the IPL."

Kohli emphasized the mental battle that ensues every time they face each other: "We're always like, every ball is like a mind game for runs and he always wants to get me out and I try not to get out to him. You can sense that match intensity. So, today he is probably the marker that I keep when I play in the nets regularly; that is the most enjoyable and toughest challenge."

With RCB set to kick off their IPL 2025 campaign against Kolkata Knight Riders on March 22nd, the stage is set for Kohli to once again showcase his brilliance, with the Bumrah battles being a highlight of the season. Get ready for a clash of legends!

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